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NEXT TO THE LAST GET-TOGETHER OF THE YEAR .....

A PRE-CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY OF THE CLUB... INFORMAL...

CHINA IS IN THE NEWS NOW AND THE GUY WHO KNOWS THE MOST  
ABOUT THE SITUATION RIGHT OFF THE HANDLE IS

BILL GRAY .....

TIME-LIFE CORRESPONDENT IN CHINA FOR THREE YEARS .....

GRAY RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY A FEW WEEKS AGO VIA EUROPE..... HE HAD BEEN IN THE  
PHILIPPINES PREVIOUS TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO CHINA AND HAD NOT BEEN BACK TO THE STATES  
FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OF FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS.

BILL GRAY IS NOT GOING TO SPEAK FORMALLY..... A SERIOUS SUBJECT ALONG WITH CHRISTMAS  
CHEER DOES NOT QUITE MEET THE SPIRIT OF EITHER..... BUT HE WILL GIVE, TO THE BEST OF  
HIS VERY BEST ABILITY, THE INSIDE STORY OF CHINA..... HIS INFORMAL TALK BEGINS AT  
SIX P.M. SHARP..... SO MAKE YOUR PLANS ACCORDINGLY.....

COME AND WISH A MERRY XMAS TO YOUR COLLEAGUES.....

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SCHEDULE OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB OFFICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13TH: CLUB  
OPEN FROM 9:30 A.M. until 10 P.M. in the evening. From six o'clock P.M., until 10  
P.M., the first four nights of the week you will find; Grace Corson, Hostess on  
Monday, December 13th; Hester Hensell on Tuesday, December 14; Wednesday, December  
15th, Cocktail Party; Thursday, Meeting of the House Committee from 5:30 till closing.  
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There will be a meeting of the House Committee on Thursday, December 16th, according to Marion Sanford, Chairman. Individual notices have been mailed to the members of the Committee by the Club office. As announced in the last Bulletin, the House Committee recommended to the Board that the club stay open till 8 P.M. only four nights a week and then one night when it would be open till midnite. Most members drop in around cocktail time.

Dickson Hartwell, free lance writer, suggested that each member of the club in New York be assigned one night to be host at the Club... at which time, he could have a cocktail party of his own and invite both members and friends in for the evening. This recommendation will also be taken up by the House Committee.

Henry Noble Hall has gone back into the Memorial Hospital for further treatment for cancer. He has been undergoing large doses of uranium during the past year to cure the disease.

OPC members attending the Silurian Dinner last week included George Sokolsky of the New York Sun; Wythe Williams; Bernie Estes, who has just been made a Silurian; Herbert Bayard Swope; Joseph Lilly; Roy Howard; Fred Ferguson, etc., etc., etc. ....

At the November meeting of the Board of Governors, John Barkham, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, recommended that the OPC, in cooperation with the members of the club who are hard-cover authors and their publishers, launch the forthcoming books of members at special cocktail parties given in the clubrooms. The Club to provide the rooms and the service and the publisher the food and drink. So will members who have books coming out soon please give the Secretary the full details so that a party can be arranged for each author??? The Secretary will contact the publisher and work out the book send-off.

John Wilhelm who is now stationed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for McGraw Hill World News, will move to Mexico City around the end of February, according to Russ Anderson, editor of McGraw Hill world service.

Charles Rosecrans of International News Photos in Tokyo reports that Carl Mydans of Time and Life, Tom Lambert of Associated Press and Charles Gorry of Associated Press went to China several weeks ago to cover the evacuation in Shanghai, Tsingtao and whatever other news they could lay their hands on. Bill Jessup of McGraw Hill is reported back in Tokyo, tired and weary after his B-29 trip but with less cash, (that long green stuff with the short future, according to Rozie) than when he left Japan.

The apartment for rent in the last issue of the Bulletin was taken at 9 A.M. on Friday morning. Nobody could have received the Bulletin until 8 A.M. on Friday morning so that makes a record check for the Bulletin. At least forty calls have been received since then about the apartment.



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Cecil Carnes, who is now in Houston, Texas and mixed up in radio and television, has a new book coming out the first of the year called "YOU MUST SEE CANADA". It will be published by Ziff-Davis and Ambassador Books of Canada at the same time. We hope to see Cecil in the club offices sometime soon, according to Johnny McTigue of ABC.

Mark Barron of the Associated Press has just been appointed drama critic and N.Y. Columnist of that wire service -- a position he held before the war.

Paul Ghali, of the Chicago Daily News Bureau in Paris, authors an article for Leland Case's "Rotarian Magazine" in the December issue called "New Power for Europe" in which he describes the work of the Geneva Committee on Electric Power under the aegis of the United Nations European Economic Commission and the ERP Electric Commission - both of which are destined to pool Europe's enormous but insufficiently exploited electric resources.

Elsie McCormick writes of a trail blazer in Medicine "Elizabeth Blackwell" in the current issue of the Independent Woman magazine.

Herbert Bayward Swope, chairman of the Board of the Overseas News Agency, is expanding that service's report and placing it on a new wire network. ONA, which Swope organized in 1940 intends to be a thorough background and interpretive service.

Leo Margolin will head the Dalmia-Jain chain of publications' office in New York which will open this week in the Empire State Building. This will be the first office for advertising, editorial and purchasing of the chain to be established in the western hemisphere, according to Margolin, who will also handle a central news operation for North and South America of the 11 newspapers. Leading paper in the Dalmia empire is the Times of India. For further details, call Leo at MU 7-7588.

Ernie Pope, who is working on the overnight for the Voice of America, is the proud father of his first child, Diana Clara, on Nov. 24th in Washington. Ernie has been commuting back and forth between Washington and New York. He says he will "come up for air soon after coming up only for his heir."

Jack M. Fleischer resigned as editor and chief of Die Neue Zeitung and as chief of the publishing Operations Branch (The Milgov organization which publishes the newspaper as well as several magazines and other projects at the old Voelkischer Beobachter plant in Munich) effective Nov. 15th. Fleischer is now Chief of Public Information Branch of the OMG for Bavaria with headquarters in Munich. Kendall Foss succeeds Jack at the Neue Zeitung. Jack invites OPC members to look him up in Bavaria.

Most of the newspaper gang have headquarters in Berlin but Fleischer hopes to persuade more of our clan to go into the provinces. Dave Nichol of the Chicago Daily News and his new wife, Judy Barden of the New York Sun, were in Munich last week -- and Jack thinks that is a good omen.

SEND IN NEWS OF YOURSELF AND OPC MEMBERS. EVERYONE IS INTERESTED IN THE DOINGS OF COLLEAGUES WHO PROVE TO BE MUCH TOO MODEST ABOUT THEMSELVES.

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Dan Schorr, who is free-lancing in Holland, writes that, apropos the note in the Bulletin about free lancing in Europe, he would like to say that no set rule can be laid down. Dan feels that the American staffers in Europe have been considerably reduced -- which leaves a good deal of unexploited material for the stringer. On the other hand, less space is being given to European news... Schorr says that living conditions are improving all the time.

Advice to stringers -- Don't go abroad unless 1) you have enough arrangements in advance to provide subsistence; 2) you have some background on the area you wish to cover and can sell yourself as a specialist and 3) you have at least a smattering of the language. And -- make plenty of inquiry as to whether the territory is not sufficiently covered already.

FOR THE LADIES... Call the office for reservations if you or the ladies of the family would like to attend the fifth annual fashion show of the Fashion Institute of Technology at 225 West 24th Street on Wednesday evening, December 15th.

William P. Carney of the New York Times, writes for his paper from Mexico that steel plates and finished products for the expansion of Mexico's oil industry head the list of that country's requirements for raw materials and machinery needs, recently investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

An article about member Mary Margaret McBride appears in the current issue of Collier's. Entitled "The Private Life of a Pied Piper", the piece says that our member keeps nobody's secrets.

Stanley Ross, of the Latin American Press Syndicate, has just finished a series of 200 lectures in nine weeks at various colleges, universities, etc., around the U.S. Ross also has just announced his marriage in the Dominican Republic on July 1st to Eleanore Austin Wren, writer on Latin American Affairs.

George Kent of the Reader's Digest and Fred Rosen of World Video think that a Committee for OPC junkets should be organized. Their suggestion will be considered at the January meeting of the Board of Governors.

Carter Davidson, Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, is en-route home for a short leave. Davidson has been in Palestine and the eastern Mediterranean for the past few years.

Margaret Parton of the N.Y. Herald Tribune Staff in India will be married soon to a British journalist also assigned to India.... Bob LaBlonde has returned from Australia with some interesting stories of the Anzac countries.

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Weldon James, formerly of Collier's, has settled down to become the associate editor of the Louisville Courier Journal in Kentucky, where "Kentucky straight is infinitely preferable to any more long term overseas assignments". He has a pleasant old farm house 'way out in the country, the best newspaper between the coasts, time off for lecture tours and at least one foreign tour annually. (Editor's note: All this and Heaven, too.) James says that one of his lectures brought him to New York a few weeks ago but his stay in Bleeck's was so prolonged that he never did get to the OPC club-rooms.

Weldon reports that Walter Cronkite of the United Press, who is the only correspondent to have left Russia recently, spoke at the National Conference of Editorial Writers' Convention in Louisville and was a "natural" on the platform. At a get-together over drinks and remember -whens after the talk, Walt revealed that he had become a proud father a week before and admitted that fatherhood interfered with his lecture tour... somewhat.

The dinner for "Speed" Denlinger at the Turtle Bay Restaurant pleased everyone present with the "pub" atmosphere. Joe Lilly presided. Leo Margolin won the jackpot book of the dinner--Eric Johnston's new book published by E.P.Dutton titled "We're All In It". Glimpsed around were Merlin Stonehouse of the Stonehouse News Agency, guest of Anne Marie Jungmann; Carl Baumhart of the American Weekly, guest of Geraldine Sartain; Armando Zegri of NBC; Craig Thompson and Edith Thompson; Arty Rey Nichols; Blanche Daniell; Albert Stevens Crockett, Leland Case who happened to be in New York from the West that nite, etc., etc., etc. ....

Denlinger, who has been working with the International Refugee Organization in Europe, deplored the fact that the U.S. had not allowed about 200,000 of the D.P.'s of Europe to enter this country. He estimated that there were 850,000 D.P.'s in Europe at the present time who were officially registered as D.P.'s; censorships having been taken by the Army and by the IRO.

Asked by Hugh Conway of the N.Y. World Telegram, who has just returned from Germany, whether the D.P.'s were not running the most intense black markets of Europe, Denlinger said that the American G.I. had probably been the most adept at this racket. Sutherland Denlinger said that many countries interested in the IRO had given lip service to it but had not backed up this endorsement with actual commitments. He was more than discouraged by the attitude of most governments regarding the displaced persons of Europe. He said that these people are anxious to belong and contribute to a community and that even in the camps they have started small industries and handwork in order to be useful.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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